

Media Release

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Evacuation Order issued due to Wilson Creek wildfire

Nelson, BC: On the recommendation of the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) has issued an Evacuation Order for the Wilson Creek wildfire (N51614) in Electoral H. The Evacuation Order includes 16 properties on the east side of Highway 6 from the Slocan Lake Golf Club north to Wilson Creek. See map of the Evacuation Order area below.

The Evacuation Order covers the following properties:

ADDRESSES:

140 EAST WILSON CREEK RD320 EAST WILSON CREEK RD6250 HIGHWAY 6325 E WILSON CREEK RD6306 HIGHWAY 6327 E WILSON CREEK RD6310 HIGHWAY 6335 EAST WILSON CREEK RD260 EAST WILSON CREEK RD340 EAST WILSON CREEK RD270 EAST WILSON CREEK RD375 EAST WILSON CREEK RD

PARCEL IDENTIFERS (PIDs – properties without an address):

 006-510-311
 025-321-650

 014-707-942
 025-321-676

Residents and Visitors are required to leave the Evacuation Order area immediately. Evacuated residents are asked to go to their pre-arranged emergency locations. Register for Emergency Support Services (ESS) in person located at the Nakusp & District Community Complex at 200, 8 Avenue NW Nakusp OR register online at https://ess.gov.bc.ca or by calling 1-800-387-4258. For further assistance you can call the RDCK EOC public inquiry line at 250-352-7701.

ESS may not be able to accommodate your pets, so make sure you have prepared your pets by having appropriate cages, food, water, and bowls, and ensure they are wearing identification. You may wish to arrange to have your pets cared for by family or friends.

Access to the Evacuation Order area is being controlled. You will not be permitted to return to your home during the Evacuation Order unless it is safe to do so and you have been given permission by local officials and emergency personnel.

The Wilson Creek wildfire was first discovered on July 24. The suspected cause is a lightning strike.

Updates or changes to the Evacuation Alert will be provided via the <u>RDCK website</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>X</u> as more information becomes available. For details about evacuation and emergency preparedness, along with other resources, please visit <u>www.rdck.ca/eocinfo</u>. The RDCK EOC public inquiry line is 250.352.7701 or 1.866.522.7701 (toll free).

For up to date information on current wildfire activity, conditions and prohibitions, call 1.888.336.7378 or visit www.bcwildfire.ca.

For more information about evacuations and emergency preparedness, along with other resources:

- Current RDCK Evacuation Alerts, Orders and Rescinds or call 250.352.7701
- Sign up for RDCK Emergency Notification System to receive notifications
- RDCK web map
- Public weather alerts for BC from Environment Canada
- BC Wildfire Interactive Map of Current Events
- Fortis BC Outage Map or call 1.866.436.7847
- BC Hydro outage map or call 1.800.224.9376
- Nelson Hydro 1.877.324.9376
- Drive BC for highway closures and road conditions
- For BC Air Quality Health Index
- Prepared BC

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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